The Cromemco computer system, an off-the-shelf available commercial system was selected on the basis of technical evaluation. Indian agents were not involved in the commercial negotiations leading to the contract.

(b) The entire issue is under consideration in the context of the recommendations contained in the report of the Committee established under Defence Secretary's chairmanship.

Award of defence contracts to foreign firms

1211. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI A .G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had any dealings with, or have any contracts been awarded to the (i) SATT Electronic AB, (ii) Ericsson Radio Systems, (iii) Whitehead Moto Fides (Italy), (iv) Kollmorgen Corp (USA) (v) Teledyn Mec (USA) and (vi) SAFT SOGEA (France) firms, during the last three years; and

(b) whether the above firms gave any assurance that there is|was no Indian agent working for them for the contract?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The requisite information is being collected.

Hike in charges by HDW in submarine deal

1212. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 14th May, 1988 to the effect that Government approved the West German HDW submarine deal on June 30, 1980, the contract was signed six months later during which period the West German firm had hiked the charges on the supply of the spares steeply (by about 355 per cent); if so, what was the hike per submarine; and

(b) what were the compulsions to accept this unjustified hike and what was the competitor's offer on this account?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) The Government have seen the press report under reference. The C&AG's Report (1986-87) on the Defence Services has commented upon cetrain matters regarding the procurement of SSK submarines fom M|s HDW of the Federal Republic of Germany. The issues arising from the Audit criticism are under examination of this Ministry in accordance with the procedure laid down for the processing of Audit Paras.

Allocation for industrial development

1213. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) the total allocation for industrial development (in the Central Sector) in West Bengal during 1988-89; and

(b) the details of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) A statement indicating project|scheme-wise details of outlays during 1988-89 for Central industrial projects in West Bengal is enclosed.